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FROM AMBASSADOR MCHENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DATE FOR MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL

REF: USUN 1261,

1. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN SETTING DATE FOR THE
FORTHCOMING DAR ES SALAAM MEETING ON RHODESIA, THE
SECRETARY AND FRONT LINE REPRESENTATIVES TOOK INTO
ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT SOME PARTICIPANTS WOULD WISH TO BE
PRESENT AT BOTH MEETINGS. THUS, THE IDEAS OF A SECURITY
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COUNCIL MEETING ON NAMIBIA AND THE DAR MEETING ON THE 15TH.

2. I DOUBT THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO WAIT FOR FORMAL
RESPONSES FROM THE PARTIES BEFORE BEGINNING THE SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETINGS. NEITHER SWAPO NOR SOUTH AFRICA IS
LIKELY TO RESPOND DEFINITELY WITHOUT THE PRESSURE OF
A DEADLINE. THUS A DEFINITE DATE IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE

TO AVOID FURTHER PROLONGATION OF THE SITUATION. SUCH
PROLONGATION MIGHT BE TOLERABLE FROM THE NEW YORK ANGLE,
THOUGH WE RISK THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BUT IT WILL NOT GO OVER WELL
EITHER HERE OR IN WINDHOEK. THE LATTER HAS AN AIR OF
TENSION AND EXPECTATION WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS.

3. IN SUM I WOULD URGE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING WITH
MINIMUM DELAY.
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